# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

WILLIAM KEITH SPEER,  Plaintiff,	<b>§</b> <b>§</b>	CASE NO. 4:23-cv-3958
v.	<b>§</b> <b>§</b> <b>§</b>	CASE NO. 4:23-cv-3938
BOBBY LUMPKIN, Director, Correctional Institutions Division, Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice;	<b>§</b> <b>§</b> <b>§</b>	THIS IS A CAPITAL CASE
KELLY STRONG, Warden, Texas State Penitentiary Huntsville Unit;	<b>% % %</b>	
BRYAN COLLIER, Executive Director, Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice;	<b>§ § § c</b>	
Defendants.	§ §	

## JOINT ADVISORY REGARDING THE STATUS OF STATE COURT LITIGATION

On February 13, 2024, the Court stayed this case pending resolution of parallel state court proceedings that raise issues similar to those in this lawsuit. Order, ECF No. 22. The Court ordered the parties to file a joint advisory regarding the status of the appeal every 90 days. The parties last filed a joint advisory on August 12, ECF No. 24, and now file this Joint Advisory.

Speer's appeal from the denial of his state habeas petition concerning lethal injection remains pending before the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. *See Ex parte Speer*, No. AP-77,119 (Tex. Crim. App.), https://search.txcourts.gov/Case.aspx?cn=AP-77,119&coa=coscca.

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